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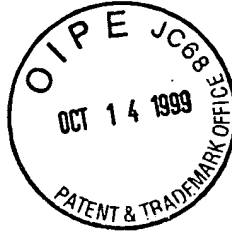
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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.96-1.97 and MPEP § 609, applicants, through their attorneys, hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In compliance with the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of these foreign language documents, applicants note that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. HEI 8-51698 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,579,396 and 5,761,315. Copies of the U.S. references are also attached. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. HEI-8-205297 and HEI 8-336199 disclose the filter processing using phase reversing, phase shifting and delaying circuits in order to reduce correlation between monophonic signals into two channels. These

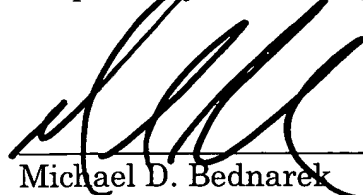
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documents do not, however, disclose the filter processing available for both monophonic and stereophonic signals disclosed in the present invention. These references are discussed in the specification at pages 1 and 4 and are believed to be relevant for at least that reason.

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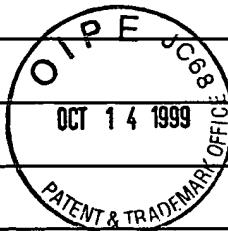
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,579,396	11/26/96	Iida et al.	381	18	08/01/94
		5,761,315	06/02/98	Iida et al.	381	18	08/06/96

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
							YES	NO
		8-51698	02/20/96	Japan	H04S	1/00		✓
		8-205297	08/09/96	Japan	H04S	1/00		✓
		8-336199	12/17/96	Japan	H04S	5/00		✓

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